

The 122nd annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association convened at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 1991, with President Jim Schleining presiding.

Corwin Brown gave the invocation. The Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's group led the pledge of allegiance. Jerry Pursley, President of the Las Animas-Bent County Chamber of Commerce welcomed the group to Las Animas.

Ross Nielsen presented awards to the exhibitors of the Champion Breeding Beef in each of our 5 counties. Present to receive their awards were Donna Deeds, Baca county; Jason King, Bent county; and Candis Butler, Kiowa county; not present were Chad Hamilton, Utero county; and Jeff Cathcart, Prowers county.

Connie Harris, SouthEast Colorado Cattlemen's immediate past president gave a report on her organizations activities. She introduced State Cattlemen's President, Wilma Kjosness and her husband. She then introduced Kaye Kasza and Marilyn Weber who reported on the national beef cook-off to be held in Colorado Springs, September 22-24, 1991. They are looking for cowboys who could work those days. They stressed the importance of presenting the Cowboy Image at this event.

Steve McEndree called attention to the table that has tonight's 3 auction items. A Pewter Antelope donated by Shalah & Jess Perkins; a pair of Kelly Sinka spurs donated by Steve & Jamie McEndree; and an Antique Safe donated by Corwin Brown.

President Schleining introduced Reeves Brown, Executive Vice-President of CCA. Reeves commended Dr. Klinkerman and his committee for preparing the Beef Safety Brochure addressed to cattlemen that should be arriving in our mail boxes any day. He also reported that the building fund has about \$40,000.00. Reeves then gave a legislative update. 500 bills have been introduced with 67 having been identified as impacting the cattlemen. The weed bill mill levy has been killed, the bill to raise state land transaction fees has been amended, bill defining a corral, feed-lot, etc. has been worked on, bill raising the access fee/day for hunting and still be able to collect game damages, monitoring a bill for land acquisition for D.O.W., and a resolution by Senator Bishop to put a Great Outdoors Trust Fund initiative on the ballot at the next election.

Terry Carlstrom, CCA President, mentioned State Land access issue, higher grazing fees on public lands, EPA and wetlands. He also stressed the importance that CCA is a volunteer organization as well as being a grass roots group.

Joe Kasza, 2nd Vice-President of CCA urged everyone to check with their local SCS offices about their Wetlands designations and to appeal. He also addressed the Beef Cook-off.

Corwin Brown, immediate past president of CCA, reported on the State Lands Access task force that he has been appointed to serve on. A hearing will be held in La Junta on March 19, 20th Public testimony will be taken the evening of March 19th. Testimony must be presented in written form. He urged any one with state lands to go and give testimony.

Mack Loudon, Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ representative on the CCA Board told the group that he was there to represent them and would represent their wishes to the Board.

Next on the agenda was presentation by Barbara Wilkenson from NCA communications department.

A short break was held to partake of coffee and donuts furnished by Farm Credit Services and Federal Land Bank. Chuck Blasi of Farm Credit was introduced.

President Shhleining announced that Ross Nielsen, Dave Mendenhall, and Steve Ptolemy have been accepted to CCA Young Cattlemen's Leadership Conference in Denver next week.

State Brand Commissioner, Gary Shoun, was introduced. He then introduced stock inspectors, Terry Seat, Bill Means, and Joe Corum.

Mel Depra, area wildlife supervisor for D.O.W., reported more on the Outdoor Trust fund. He also reported on a panel that he attended where the humane treatment of animal proponents were in attendance. They want all hunting, fishing, trapping, etc. stopped. He also stated that D.O.W. is more interested in access easements rather than owning land.

Representative Brad Young gave a legislative report. Senator Jim Rizzuto, reported on the State Budget. He also reported on Workman's Compensation, horse & dog racing, and a special session this summer to re-apportion the legislature.

Doris Morgan of Congressman Allards La Junta office reported on the committees that the Congressman was appointed to serve on. Things in congress that might affect ranching are, food safety, Pesticide laws, meat & poultry inspection, milk inventory management program, and waste and water services.

Sparky Turner of Senator Brown's office reported on his appointments. He is working on a Wilderness bill.

Neil Moore, newly elected President, of the Junior Cattleman's Association gave a report on his organization.

Business Meeting

Kent Johnston moved that we accept the minutes of 1990 annual meeting as printed. 2nd by Bill Wootten. Motion passed.

Pat Karney gave the audit & budget committee reports and moved their adoption. 2nd by Steve Ptolemy. Motion passed. a copy follows.

Clyde McEndree, President of the Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust gave their report. Bill Sparks moved to accept Clydes

report. 2nd by James Heath. Motion passed. A copy follows.

Ross Nielsen gave the resolutions committee report. Resolution #1 about the weed bill mill levy has all ready been taken care of by legislature so we will delete this one.

- #2 - Concerning State Land access
- #3 - concerning Horse Racing in Colorado
- #4 - Thank you's
- #5 - Memorials
- #6 - opposes HB 91-1103, HB 91-1083, SB 91-98
removing lands from tax rolls

Bill Sparks moved to amend #2 by adding section e. Potential loss of revenue for beneficiaries of the State Land Trust. 2nd by Milton Rink. amendment passed.

Ross moved the adoption of resolutions #2 thru #6 as amended. 2nd by Bill Sparks. Motion passed.

Nominating committee chairman Pat Karney nominated the following officers and directors for 1991. President, Steve McEndree; 1st Vice-President, A Ross Nielsen; 2nd Vice-President, Jim Rehfeld; Secretary-Treasurer, Teresa Keenan; Past Presidents, Jim Schleining, Pat Karney, & Doug Hasser; Directors from Baca county, Mark McVey, Corwin Brown, Bill Sparks, Jess Perkins; Bent county, Arthur Davis, Terry Seat, Joe Kasza, John Smartt; Kiowa county, Virgil Lessenden, Kent Johnston, Rex Barlow; Otero county, David Mendenhall, Steve Ptolemy, Bill Gray; Prowers county, Ray Hays, James Heath, Milton Rink, and Hans Hasser. Pat Karney moved the adoption of this slate of officers and directors by unanimous ballot. 2nd by Dr. Don Klinkerman. Passed.

President Schleining then passed the Bent-Prowers Presidents Buckle donated by the Barnes ~~family~~ family to the new President, Steve McEndree. Steve reminded everyone of the punch bowl and banquet at St. Mary's Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

John A. Smartt
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Secretary

122 annual Banquet

Saturday evening, February 16, 1991, the group met at St. Mary's Hall in Las Animas for the Cowboy Punchbowl and banquet.

A Shalah Perkins, Pewter Antelope; a pair of Kelly Sinka spurs; and an antique safe were auctioned to raise money for the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust. This auction netted \$825.00 for the Trust.

Jim Schleining gave the invocation. Barbara Wilkinson entertained the group with her version of "Twelve Days of Christmas According to Ranch Life".

Following dinner the Southeast Colorado Cattlemen honored Helen Mitchell as their Cattlemwoman of the Year.

John A. Smartt was named Bent-Prowers Honorary Life Member.

Kaye Kasza gave Connie Harris a thank you gift for all of her work in behalf of the Cattlemen. Jim Schleining presented Corwin Brown with a pair of engraved spurs for his hard work as CCA President. Pat Karney presented a belt buckle to Jim Schleining for his work as president. Colorado Boys Ranch presented Bent-Prowers with an appreciation plaque.

Cartoonist Jerry Palen, finished off the evening in grand style with his humorous presentation.

Resolution #2

Whereas the commissioners of the State Land Board has established a task force to study public access to state school lands and,

Whereas the lessee of these state school lands has traditionally controlled access and a change in policy could have many adverse effects,

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge the task force to recommend no change in policy untill a management plan is formed that addresses these and other issues:

- a. financial impact and disruption of activities of the lessee.
- b. liability that may be incurred by the lessee.
- c. vandalism and other damages.
- d. trespassing upon leased lands.
- e. Potential loss of revenue for beneficiaries of the State Land Trust.

Resolution #3

Where as Senate Bill 91-99, Proposed Revision to Colorado Racing Legislation, attempts to help the racing industry and,

Whereas Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association supports remodeling paramutual laws lowering the states share of the take and,

Whereas Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association supports and encourages assistance from the State level to get major racing facilities operating in Colorado. We urge legislators and the Govenor to make sure the fairs recieve extra help to promote racing, and to encourage the improvement of racing on the fair circuit for the sake of small communities.

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record supporting Senate Bill 91-99.

Resolution # 4

Be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who have made us welcome here in Las Animas and so generously contributed to the success of this 122nd annual meeting.

Resolution # 5

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us, have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Resolution

Whereas the removal of private lands from the local tax base creates an economic hardship on the remaining private land holders and,

Whereas the removal of agricultural production from such lands reduce the economic productivity of the region and,

Whereas the removal of this land from private ownership prohibits these lands from providing a means of living for current and future generations and,

Whereas the removal of these lands could have adverse implications on the marketability of adjoining private lands,

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association oppose passage of HB 91-1103, HB 91-1083 and SB 91-98, which would grant the Colorado Division of Wildlife 1.1 million dollars for the purchase of nine thousand acres in Park, Morgan and Las Animas counties.

Be it further resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommends that any such proposed land purchases by the Department of Wildlife be substituted with access leases with the private landowner.